

REMARKS

The claims remaining in the present application are Claims 1-4, 6-17, 19-25, and 27-30. Claims 1, 17, 18, 26 and 28-29 have been amended. Claims 5, 22, 27, and 30 have been cancelled, without prejudice. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 5, 22, and 30 are indicated as allowable if re-written to incorporate all limitations from their respective base claims. Applicants have incorporated limitations from Claim 5 into Independent Claim 1. Applicants have incorporated limitations from Claim 22 into Independent Claim 18. Applicants have incorporated limitations from Claims 27 and 30 into Independent Claim 26. Therefore, Applicants request allowance of Claims 1, 18, and 26.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-21, 24-29, and 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Koo et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,006,337 (hereinafter, Koo). Claim 27 has been cancelled, without prejudice. Therefore, the rejection to Claim 27 is moot. The rejection to Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-21, 24-26, 28-29, and 31-33 is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Independent Claims 1, 18, and 26 are amended as discussed in the allowable subject matter section herein. Thus, Claims 1, 18, and 26 are believed to be allowable over the prior art.

Dependent Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-16, 19-21, 24-25, 28, 29, and 31-33 depend from Claims 1, 18, and 26 and are believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on claims believed to be allowable.

Amended Independent Claim 17 recites, in part:

said audio interface being adapted to generate signals to operate said audio device and play said audio CD when power is not being supplied to said CPU, wherein said audio interface is isolated from said digital computer bus when power is being supplied to said CPU (emphasis added).

Applicants respectfully assert that Koo fails to teach or suggest these recited claim limitations. Therefore, Applicants request allowance of Independent Claim 17.

Claims 9, 23, and 34

Claims 9, 23, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Koo in view of Chaiken et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,195,713

(hereinafter, Chaiken) The rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

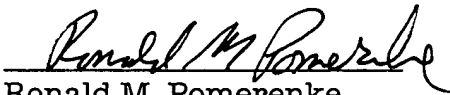
Claims 9, 23, and 34 depend from Independent Claims 1, 18, and 26, which are respectfully believed to be allowable as re-written. As such, Claims 9, 23, and 34 are respectfully believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed amendments and remarks, reconsideration of Claim 17 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant amendment and response, the Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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